

DESIGNATING THE LAKE FORMED BY THE WATERS
IMPOUNDED BY THE LIBBY DAM, MONT., AS "LAKE
KOOCANUSA"

DECEMBER 9, 1970.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. FALLON, from the Committee on Public Works,
submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H.R. 7334]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (H.R. 7334) to designate the lake formed by the waters impounded by the Libby Dam, Mont., as "Lake Koocanusa," having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The purpose of the bill is to designate the lake formed by Libby Dam, Mont., as Lake Koocanusa.

GENERAL STATEMENT

Libby Dam was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1950. The dam site is situated on the Kootenai River about 17 miles upstream from Libby, Mont. The reservoir will extend 40 miles into Canada.

The word "koocanusa" is derived from "Kootenai," "Canada," and "U.S.A.," and the name has found acceptance in both countries.

This bill is interpreted to cover only the impoundment water within the State of Montana. However, it is important to choose a name that will find favor both in Canada and this country, else the possibility is present of having several names for different sections of the same body of water.

It is understood that the State Department has ascertained that the Canadian Government intends to adopt the same "Koocanusa" for the impounded water within Canada.

COST TO THE UNITED STATES

Enactment of this legislation will not result in any cost to the United States.

COMMITTEE VIEWS

The committee believes it fitting and proper to designate the lake behind Libby Dam as Lake Kootenai, in recognition of the names of the countries and of the river within the geographic area of the lake.

AGENCY COMMENTS

Letters submitted by the Departments of the Army and State offering no objection to the enactment of H.R. 7334 follow:

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D.C., August 18, 1969.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
*Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives, Washington, D.C.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Secretary has asked me to reply to your letter of February 25 requesting the Department's views on H.R. 7334, a bill introduced by Representative Olsen, "to designate the lake formed by the waters impounded by the Libby Dam, Mont., as 'Lake Kootenai'."

The Department of State has no objection to the proposed bill. We have been advised informally by the Canadian Embassy that the Government of Canada intends to adopt that name.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that from the standpoint of the administration's program there is no objection to the submission of this report.

Sincerely,

JOHN P. WHITE,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Congressional Relations.

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY,
Washington, D.C., August 13, 1969.

HON. GEORGE H. FALLON,
*Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
House of Representatives.*

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for the views of the Department of the Army with respect to H.R. 7334, 91st Congress, a bill to designate the lake formed by the waters impounded by the Libby Dam, Mont., as "Lake Kootenai."

The purpose of the bill is stated in its title.

Libby Dam was authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1950. The damsite is situated on the Kootenai River about 17 miles upstream from Libby, Mont. The reservoir will extend 40 miles into Canada.

The word "Kootenai" is derived from "Kootenai", "Canada", and "USA", and the name has found some acceptance by various groups in both countries.

This bill is interpreted to cover only the impounded water within the State of Montana. However, it is important to choose a name that will find favor both in Canada and this country, else the possibility is present of having several names for different sections of the same body of water.

It is understood that the State Department has ascertained that the Canadian Government intends to adopt the name "Koocanusa" for the impounded water within Canada. Accordingly, the Department of the Army has no objection to the bill.

The Bureau of the Budget advises that, from the standpoint of the administration's program, there is no objection to the presentation of this report for the consideration of the committee.

Sincerely,

STANLEY R. RESOR,
Secretary of the Army.

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